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FOR ROBINSON (E) AND LORD (S/P) ONLY FROM FRANK (E AND
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SUBJECT: NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

1. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONCERNING NORTH-SOUTH
ISSUES SHOULD BUILD UP TO A CRESCENDA IN MAY-JUNE BY
THE CLOSE CONFLUENCE OF THREE EVENTS:

(A) -- THE UNCTAD IV CONFERENCE FROM MAY 3 - 28 IN
NAIROBI WHERE ROBINSON WILL LEAD THE DELEGATION;
(B) -- THE OECD MINISTERIAL, TENTATIVELY SLATED FOR
JUNE 8 - 9, WHICH BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SECRETARY
SIMON ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND;
(C) -- THE OFFICIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF CIEC, TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16 - 18, WHERE AGAIN ROBINSON WILL
LEAD THE DELEGATION.

2. THE OECD MINISTERIAL IS VERY LIKELY TO INVOLVE A
DISCUSSION OF NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS AND THERE WILL BE
MUCH FOCUS AND ATTENTION ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
SPEECH. UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED
TO MAKE MAJOR POLICY STATEMENTS AT BOTH UNCTAD IV AND
AT THE CIEC OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING. AFTER THE MAY-JUNE
CRESCENDO, ACTIVITY ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES WILL DIE DOWN
CONSIDERABLY AND THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ENGROSSED IN
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ELECTION CAMPAIGN POLITICS. ACTIVITY SHOULD HEAT UP

AGAIN AFTER THE ELECTION AS WE PREPARE FOR THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL CIEC CONFERENCE, PROBABLY EARLY IN 1977. IF WE ARE TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON ROBINSON'S IDEAS ON AN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE BANK, ONE OF THESE THREE MEETINGS IN MAY AND JUNE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE PLACE TO LAUNCH THE INITIATIVE. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ANY MORE PROPITIOUS TIME WOULD OCCUR DURING THE COURSE OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

3. THIS ALL SUGGESTS THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING THIS INITIATIVE OVER THE NEXT TWO AND HALF MONTHS. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING APPROACH:

(A)--- FIRST, CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORTS WE HAVE BEGUN WITH ROBERT ROOSA TO GET CONSULTANTS' VIEWS ON OUR GENERAL IDEAS AS WELL AS SPECIFIC HELP ON DEVELOPING THE COMMODITY OR OIL BOND IDEA;

(B) -- SECOND, BEGIN DISCUSSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE BANK BETWEEN ROBINSON AND ED YEO AS WELL AS CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FRANK ZARB AND ROBINSON (AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMODITY POLICY COORDINATION COMMITTEE, JERRY PARSKY SUGGESTED THAT THE QUESTION OF FINANCING OF BUFFER STOCKS AND OF INVESTMENT IN RAW MATERIALS BE REFERRED TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY GROUP WHICH IS CHAIRED BY ED YEO).

(C) -- THIRD, BEGIN SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, PARTICULARLY WITH THOSE ON SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AS WELL AS SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS, HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, AND POSSIBLY HOUSE BANKING AND CURRENCY. H MIGHT ARRANGE SOMETHING FOR ROBINSON.

4. A MEMO FROM ROBINSON TO THE SECRETARY CONCERNING WORK GOING ON IN THE DEPARTMENT ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE BEFORE ROBINSON TRIP TO AFRICA ON FEBRUARY 19. MEMO MIGHT COVER:

(A) -- CURRENT WORK BY ROBINSON ON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE BANK;

(B) -- WORK BY BOEKER GROUP ON STRATEGY FOR UNCTAD IV;

(C) -- WORK BY GREENWALD GROUP ON GENERAL NORTH-SOUTH CONFIDENTIAL

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STRATEGY, INCLUDING CIEC AND UNCTAD IV, OVER THE COMING YEAR; AND

(D) -- RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ROOSA ET AL, ED YEO, AND KEY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

(E) -- THE CONFLUENCE OF EVENTS IN MAY AND JUNE AND SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE SECRETARY MIGHT WANT TO FIT THEM INTO HIS SPEECH AND TRAVEL PLANS.

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